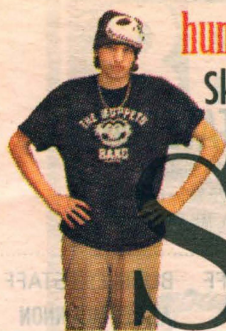


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DECC awaits state approval

BY JAMI REINHART
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

For several years, state and local leaders have been pursuing the expansion of the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC). Offering a bigger venue for concerts and additional seating for an improved hockey arena, the expansion bill may impact students and Duluth citizens more than they realize.

For many of those pushing for the project, the upcoming 2008 Legislative Session cannot come soon enough, as it determines the much anticipated fate of the expansion.

"I think the expansion of the DECC is definitely needed," said junior and Bulldogs' wing Nick Kemp. "The rink is old and outdated and with a new building I think it will attract more fans to the hockey games and also bring more conventions and concerts to the city."

In 2006 the DECC requested \$40,283,154 in state funding for capital improvements,

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Prices at the pump 'up' UMD vending costs

BY ALYSSA ANTILA
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

The next time you are feeling a little thirsty and stop by the vending machines, you may rethink just how thirsty you actually are. Students and staff members have noticed an increase in vending machine prices since last year.

The price for a beverage from the vending machine last year was \$1.25. Today, the cost at UMD is typically \$1.40.

"It was the first increase in years," said senior administrative director of Auxiliary Services John Brostrom. "The price change went into effect on July 1, 2007."

Auxiliary Services is in charge of overseeing UMD Stores, Food and Vending, Housing, Print Services, Trademark Licensing and Parking. They don't receive any money

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Deathly symptoms

Imagine it's Friday night and you're out with your friends, throwing a few drinks back after a long week. Fast forward to the end of the evening—your friend has turned blue, stopped breathing and has vomited while asleep.

What do you do?

BY DAYNA D. LANDGREBE
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

Most students don't know the common symptoms of alcohol poisoning, which kills about 50 students nationally every year, said Lauretta Perry, the chemical health educator at Health Services. The symptoms can range from difficulty in waking the person, bluish skin, prolonged shallow breathing and little reaction to pain, according to the Alcohol-Information Web site.

"There is no 24-hour hotline for Health Services, but we try to educate through poster campaigns," said Perry. "If a student has questions about the health of a friend, they should call 911 immediately and take it seriously."

Perry went on to say that most of the students that come through her alcohol education class are

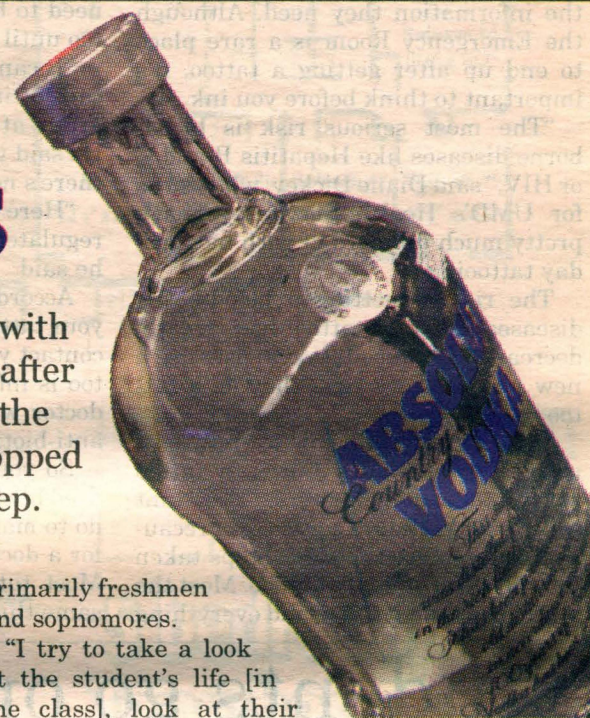
primarily freshmen and sophomores.

"I try to take a look at the student's life [in the class], look at their drinking patterns, the transition into college, eating, sleeping, exercise, relationships," she said. "Sometimes drinking is the result of something else."

While many people think that alcohol poisoning comes from the amount of alcohol you intake, it actually depends upon how fast a person can metabolize that alcohol, said the Alcohol-Information Web site.

If a person has a smaller body weight, doesn't drink often or hasn't eaten in several hours, they could be subject to poisoning after two

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Tattoo artists advise to think before you ink

BY ERIC SIMON
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

Tattoos are a life-long commitment that some people rush into without all the information they need. Although the Emergency Room is a rare place to end up after getting a tattoo, it's important to think before you ink.

"The most serious risk is blood-borne diseases like Hepatitis B and C or HIV," said Diane Dickey, who works for UMD's Health Services. "That's pretty much unheard of with modern-day tattooing."

The risk of getting a blood-borne diseases from a tattoo has greatly decreased, because tattoo artists use a new needle every time they do a tattoo.

"It's actually illegal to re-use a needle," said Maura Corey, a tattoo artist at Shadow Masters. "You want to look for standard universal precautions, which are the same steps taken by a hospital or dentist office. Most the stuff I use is disposable and everything

else should be stainless steel and have hospital sterilization."

Staying free from infection, however, is not the only worry. You still need to be careful with your new tattoo until it's completely healed.

"It can get infected if they don't take care of it," said Will Richards, tattoo artist at Dominic's Metal and Gear. He said you have to be careful because there's no legal procedure for tattoos.

"Here in Minnesota, it's not state regulated, but it goes state by state," he said.

According to Corey, if you think your tattoo is infected, you should first contact your tattoo artist. If your tattoo is infected, then you should see a doctor who will most likely prescribe anti-biotics.

So you just dropped a couple hundred bucks on your tattoo, what do you do to make sure you don't have to pay for a doctor's visit and some pills too? Most tattoo artists will tell you the same thing.

"Clean it. That's pretty much all you can do," said Richards.

Corey also has some advice on how to care for your tattoo until it's completely healed.

"Every tattoo artist probably will tell you something a little different," he said. "I have people keep their bandage on the tattoo for at least 4-5 hours then remove it. Then you'll want to clean it gently with soap and water and dab it dry. It's important not to scrub the tattoo harshly. After 3-4 days the tattoo will start to dry out and then you just want to dab it with a lotion for dry skin."

There's also some definite do-nots when it comes to tattoo care.

"Don't go into chlorine, submerge your tattoo in water or get too much sun on it," said Corey. She also says don't take the advice of your friends over the advice of your tattoo artist.

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Students go online to buy and sell

BY EMILY DARRELL
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

Every year, students search for new ways to make college life more convenient and cost-productive. Aside from donating plasma or inventing new ways to eat ramen five out of seven days a week, many students turn to technology to help make life a little easier.

Junior Spencer Johnson, a transfer student from St. Cloud State, decided to take matters into his own hands by creating a Web site suited specifically for college students and all of their needs.

His Web site, college-eTrade, allows students to buy, sell or trade virtually anything they want with students from their own campus.

"I like that it's more personalized," said sophomore Zach Keple, about the new site. "It's nice that you get to trade with people from your own school. It seems like less work."

To create an account with college-eTrade, all you need is an e-mail address. Then

you can start exchanging messages with other students. On the site, you can buy or sell anything from cars and furniture to books and electronics

"We've also been trying to get the word out to landlords so people can look for more housing," said sophomore Spencer Johnson.

The site can also act as a ride-share where students who need rides can post their requests on the Web site.

Created by Spencer Johnson, with the help of a friend in April of 2007, the site is organized by state, and divided from there by the various colleges within a given state. Similar to the popular Web site craigslist, college-eTrade makes it simple to buy or sell items at a reasonable price.

Less than a year old, college-eTrade has steadily accumulated a following and now includes student

accounts from Iowa to Florida, with "probably the most popular colleges" being St. Cloud State and UMD, Spencer Johnson said.

He is hoping more students will begin to use the site to increase the number of postings and make for a more effective site.

"It would be really nice not to pay for things online, since you never really know who you can trust."

-sophomore Eleni Johnson

"I'm really trying to get the word out about this site, because the more people use it, the more items you'll be able to look at," Spencer Johnson said.

Naturally, those who choose to buy and sell items over the internet are often concerned about the safety and reliability of the Web site they are working with.

At college-eTrade, you don't need to worry about abuse of your e-mail address, nor do you need to register a credit card, give out your Social Security number or sign your life away to the World Wide

Web.

"It would be really nice not to pay for things online, since you never really know who you can trust," said sophomore Eleni Johnson.

Transactions on college-eTrade take place through an exchange of messages from one person to another, providing closer contact with the person you are buying from or selling to. This leaves it up to you to control how you will pay and how quickly the buying, selling or trading will take place, Spencer Johnson said.

As the site is geared towards college students, the most popular item by far has been textbooks. With the end of the semester approaching, students can use college-eTrade to sell their used textbooks at the price they feel the books are worth rather than the price the store pays to buy the books back.

Students can create an account and start trading with others from UMD at www.college-etradet.com.

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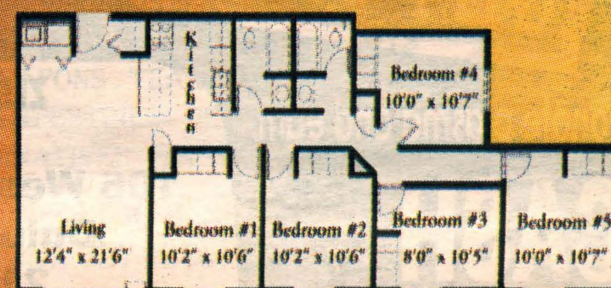
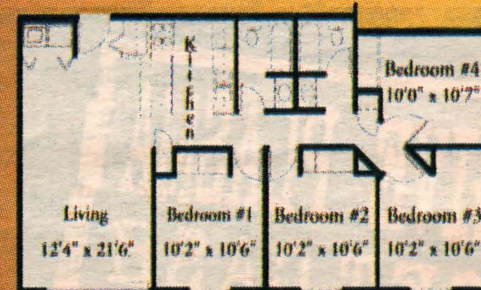
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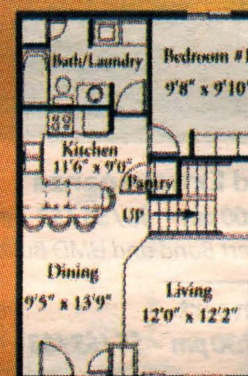


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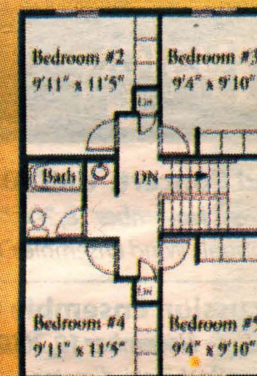
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or three drinks, the Web site said.

So, what constitutes a drink and what is the recommended amount for women and men? No more than one drink a day for women and two drinks a day for men, according to the Dietary Guidelines for

Americans. A standard drink takes form as: One 12 ounce bottle of beer or wine cooler, one 5 ounce glass of wine or 1.5 ounces of 80 proof distilled spirits.

"I actually had a friend that got alcohol poisoning last year in his freshman year. They had to pump his stomach," said sophomore Karen Converse. She went on to

say that he remained in the hospital for a few days and received an underage consumption ticket.

Converse, originally from Redwing, also said that she thought drinking was a more serious problem in high school, and that she didn't know the symptoms of alcohol poisoning either.

"I used to work at Health

Services as the graphic designer and learned the symptoms from working there," said senior Ben Dunbar.

Dunbar said that he, too, had known someone that had an encounter with alcohol poisoning.

"My friend ended up calling the police, hitting the police and waking up in the hospital with IVs," he said.


If alcohol poisoning does occur, students may feel hesitant to call authorities, especially if underage drinking has taken place. Groups, like the Student Association, have placed the Medical Amnesty initiative on their top ten list for the year, which would assure students some kind of security in exchange for calling 911.

"I think that this would be a good thing. I know a lot of people would be hesitant to call [the police]," said Dunbar.

Health educators, like Perry, hope to raise student's awareness of alcohol poisoning through proactive approaches like magnets listing symptoms on all resident hall refrigerators.

"I support keeping the safety and well being of our students," said Perry. She went on to say that this initiative is not an actual implemented policy yet, but that frequent discussions between housing, campus police and the Chemical Health education program are in progress.

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from tax payers or from tuition costs. Any money is generated from businesses here on campus, such as the school store and food court.

Brostrom explained prices of beverages went up due to various reasons such as increased production costs, gas prices and other factors.

"We try to match the prices of C stores [convenience stores] and stay competitive and follow what they do," Brostrom said.

The Twin Cities campus keeps soda prices at \$1.25, according to junior Amber Jepsen.

Junior Alex Smith, who attends the College of St. Scholastica, said that their soda prices are \$1.50.

Brostrom said he hasn't seen any results as to whether or not sales have decreased since the price of beverages has gone up. Many students were unaware that the price had gone up, or it didn't impact their decision.

"Yeah, it [the price increase] has stopped me," said freshman, Arielle Peterson. "Instead of using vending machines, I go to the gas station or the school store and buy the stuff there."

The vending machines offer convenience, which is a big draw to students. Grocery

stores and gas station prices of bottled beverages and candy are comparable to vending machine prices. Currently, Cub Foods grocery store sells Dasani bottled water and Coke for \$1.34. The popular candy choices of Snickers and M & M's are only forty-eight cents at Cub as well. That twenty-seven cent difference might be a deal breaker for college students on a budget.


Vending machine sales were down last year, partially due to the construction in Bohannon Hall.

"The sales were horrible in Bohannon Hall," Brostrom said. "Students need to learn to go back down to the Ven Den and get candy and snacks."

The Ven Den, which is located near Bohannon 90, used to be the place to go to get candy and beverages which in return brought in a large amount of sales.

The profits from beverage vending machine sales play a big role in the success of the U-Pass, which allows UMD students to ride the Duluth Transit Authority buses any time for free.

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which is just over half the \$67 million total cost of the expansion, according to Minnesota.publicradio.org.

Some of the expansion projects include a new arena with a 22,000 sq. foot floor of show space, 7,000 seats for hockey and more than 8,500 for concerts. It also includes suites, concourses, ample restrooms and full accessibility for disabled guests.

In 2005, Gov. Pawlenty recommended state funding of half the new arena's cost, if Duluth citizens voted in favor of matching the funding with a 0.75 percent increase in the Duluth food and beverage tax.

Duluth citizens showed support for this tax in Feb. 2006, with a 61 percent to 39 percent margin. This means if the expansion bill passes, the state will provide half the funding, while the revenue from the increase in food and beverage tax, along with contributions from the DECC and UMD, will fund the other half.

"I think the end result of the expansion would be awesome," said freshman Anne Busch. "I just don't want to have to pay the higher taxes."

If funded, the new arena will attract more national conventions, which would bring thousands more people to the Duluth region each year. Along with conventions, the new arena will attract more national entertainment. Nearly every month, the DECC turns down major performances due to lack of seating.

"The more space we have, the more flexible we can be with venues," said director of Ticketing at the DECC, Debbie Aleff.

The expansion will also provide jobs for hundreds of Duluth citizens. During the 18 to 24 months of construction, 300 full-time union jobs will be filled, with 90 percent of those workers being local.

In addition to providing jobs for hundreds of Duluth citizens, the creation of the

new arena will increase the \$600,000 in sales tax the DECC collects each year. The expansion will also bring millions of dollars into the state's economy.

"The DECC is a key facility for the Duluth community," said chief author of the expansion bill, Sen. Yvonne PrettnerSolon. "Duluth relies heavily on convention space for the tourist industry, and we need to have an adequate facility."

The expansion bill is scheduled to be included in the 2008 Legislative Session, however, some of the Duluth representatives are concerned that the project is still waiting to be funded.

"The city council is supportive of the expansion, but we haven't seen any funding yet," said council member Laurie Johnson. "Our biggest concern is the longer it takes, the more costly it will be, and we may have to down size."

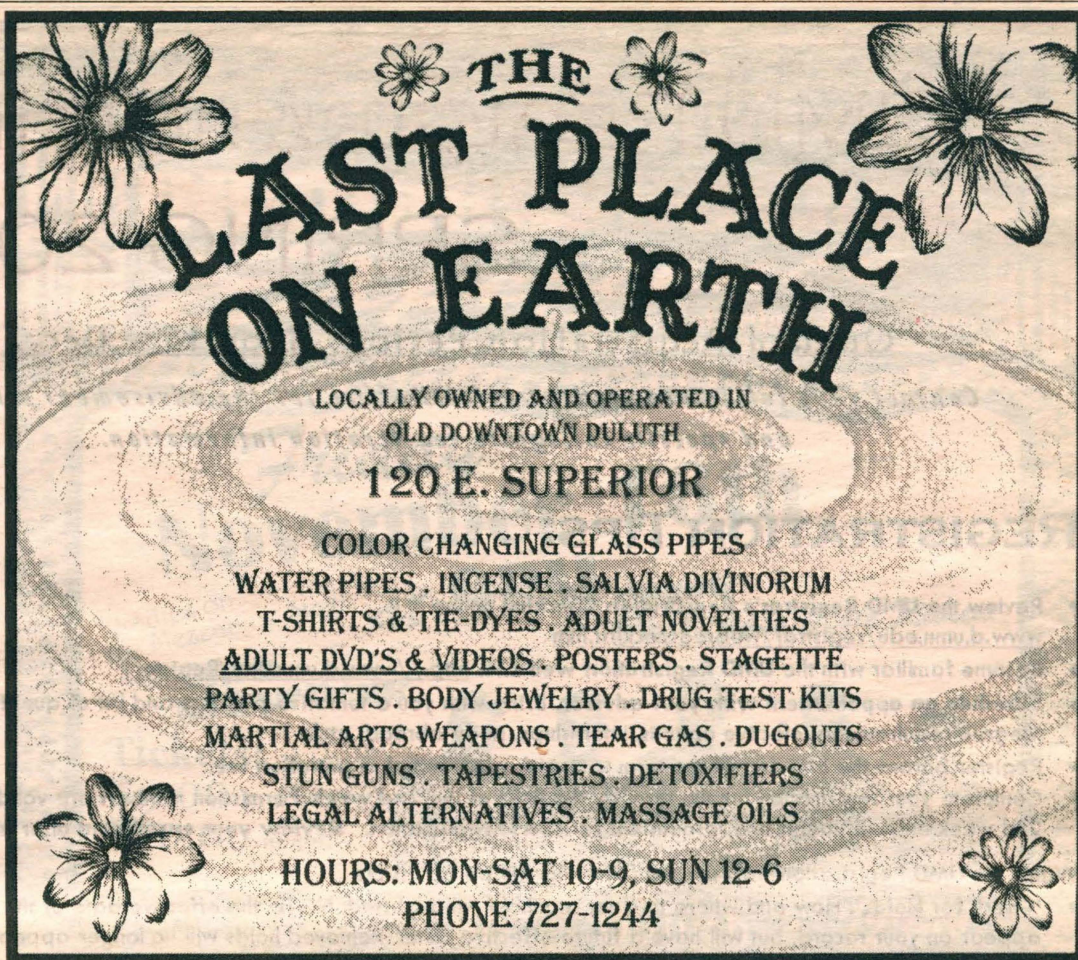
While some are anxiously waiting for the funding to get the DECC expansion underway, certain members of the Senate are hesitant to agree that the expansion is where additional state money should go.

Over 20 state senators and staff, arrived in Duluth on Oct. 9 to visit the projects seeking state funding in the 2008 session. Included in their tour was the DECC.

Though the tour of Duluth may have swayed certain senators about their stance on the project, any final decisions about the DECC expansion will not be made until it is discussed during the legislative session in February. Even then, it could take three to four months until the final passage of the funding.

"It is important to remember it is a big issue," said executive director of the DECC Dan Russell. "It was the biggest one in the last session and a lot of other bills did not get passed either."

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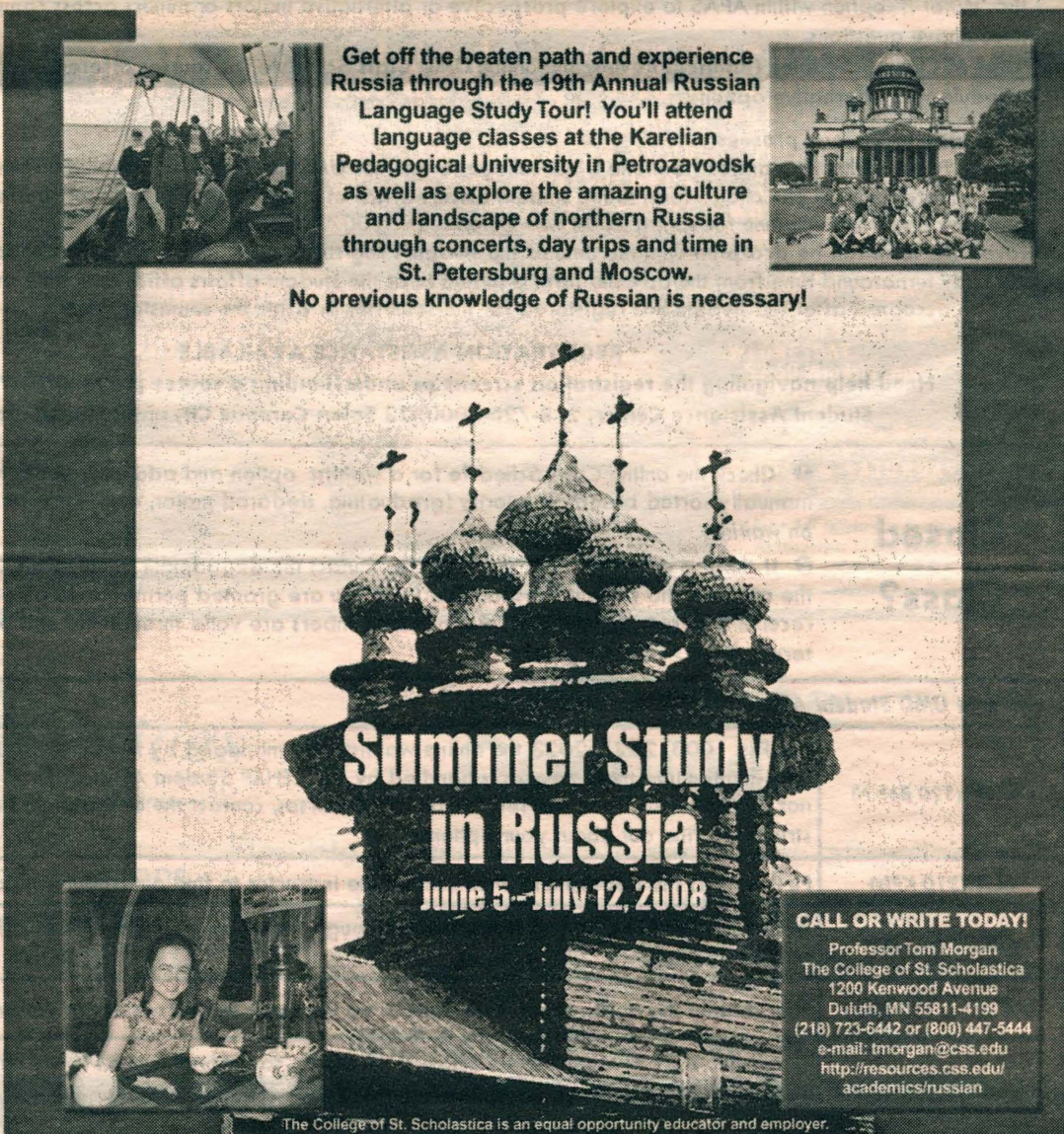


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Within the UMD Registration web site the following will be accessible:

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The preferred deadline for spring 2008 was **October 29, 2007**.

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CLA (310 KPlz)	First contact the department, then contact the instructor to find out about your options.
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OUR VOICE: EDITORIAL

Holiday season: a time to give back to the Twin Ports area

As the holiday season approaches, most students are busy completing final papers and preparing for trips home to spend time with the family.

For most, the holiday season is a time to be thankful for all the good things. Yet others use the season to give back to their community.

As college students, we are members of the Twin Ports community, even if we only came here to attend college and primarily live elsewhere.

Even though our permanent addresses may be miles away, we do have an impact on this community. We should want and need to give back to the community that we call "home" during our years at college.

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However, people in their early 20s were the least likely to volunteer, making up only 17.8 percent of the 61.2 million people who volunteered at least once in 2006, according to a report issued by the United States Department of Labor.

These statistics are shocking, considering that here at UMD students don't even have to leave campus to set up volunteer opportunities. The Office of Civic Engagement, located in Bohannon 209, offers multiple opportunities for students to volunteer. Programs such as, reading to kids in school, community clubs and hospitals, are just a few of the possibilities.

Other places to volunteer in the Duluth area include the Red Cross, Salvation Army and United Way.

So this holiday season, give while you receive and participate in a rewarding and enjoyable experience by giving back to the community. After all, we do live here.

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OPINION: POLITICAL VIEW

Bid for Senate slip-up set to \$2.1 million

BY ANTHONY CHAPLIN
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BettyC588 became the proud owner of eBay's most expensive charity item ever on Oct. 19. The item was a two-page letter, which, according to the eBay item description, was written by Senate majority leader Harry Reid and signed by more than 40 other democratic members of the Senate, including presidential hopefuls Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. This historic official letter was not concerning the regulation of commerce with foreign nations, the laying or collecting of taxes or any other issue outlined in Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution for that matter. The letter was a personal attack on a U.S. citizen named Rush Limbaugh.

zen named Rush Limbaugh.

Limbaugh needs little introduction these days. The outspoken, conservative talk show host has been shooting his mouth off for decades, complaining about the way things are run in this country, as any good political talk show host should. During the month of October, Limbaugh enjoyed some increased popularity due to a slip of the tongue. "Phony soldiers," he proclaimed. Audiences everywhere gasped.

Of course, people often forget to take context into account when evaluating what others have said. Limbaugh had been discussing a left-wing television ad featuring a man called Jesse McBeth. McBeth claimed to be a veteran opposing the war, but

curiously, he was discharged before completing basic training. Thus, the phrase "phony soldier" seems more appropriate.

Regardless, old Reid must have jumped 10 feet when he heard "phony soldiers" uttered over the airwaves. "Unpatriotic!" "Beyond the pale!" he roared to his fellow senators, when proposing his letter to the Senate floor on Oct. 1.

The infamous letter was composed and signed, addressing Limbaugh's CEO, Mark Mays. "We call on you publicly to repudiate these comments ..." Apparently the United States Senate doesn't like the way they are running things over there at Clear Channel Communica-

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tions. This is exactly what the ego of Limbaugh needs: a congressional letter written with a passion similar to that used in writing to the King of England 200 years ago.

Limbaugh put the letter he received up for auction with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, an organization that provides scholarships for the children of Marines and federal law enforcement officers who are killed in action. Limbaugh also vowed to match the winning bid "dollar for dollar." This play was a slap to Reid's face, but how can someone shed a negative light on a charitable act?

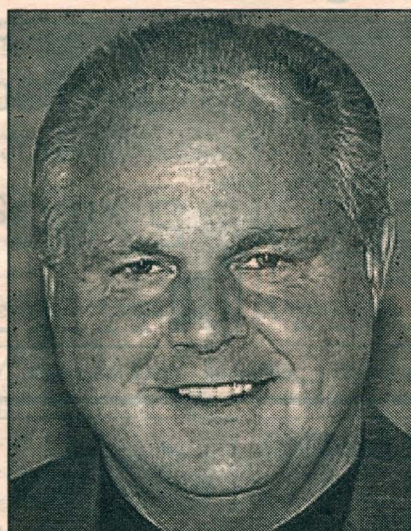
Well, if you can't beat them, join them or better still: take all of the credit for yourself. On Oct. 19, as the close of the auction drew near, Senate majority leader Reid again took the floor. "... this letter that they're auctioning is going to be something that raises money for a really worthwhile cause. I don't know what we could do more important than helping make sure that children of our fallen soldiers and police officers who have fallen

in the line of duty have the opportunity for their children to have a good education," according to live C-Span footage of Reid. He continued, unabashedly asking fellow Senate members to bid on his letter: "... so I would ask those that are wanting to do more, that they can go to the Harry Reid, search—actually go on, say 'Harry Reid letter'—this will come up on eBay. I encourage anyone interested in this with the means to do so to consider bidding on this letter and contributing to this worthwhile cause."

Limbaugh decided to see if Senator Reid was as good as his word by sending a challenge through his show.

"I would like to issue this challenge to Sen. Reid and the 40 senators who signed his letter," he said. "You say you support the military. Well, I would like each of you, Sen. Reid and the 40 other senators who signed, to match whatever the winning bid is. Show us your support for the U.S. military by all 41 of you pro-military people, Democrats in the senate, match whatever the winning bid is and send that amount to the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation."

So far, the answer to this challenge has been met with nothing



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Conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh.

but a deafening silence.

What Limbaugh said about certain American soldiers was not nice, but Limbaugh is an entertainer. He makes a living on controversial and often "unkind" things. The way the U.S. Senate handled the situation was crude and juvenile. They wasted time and resources to start a mudslinging match with a private citizen, and achieved nothing but a sound defeat with an embarrassed tail between their legs.

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Obesity: Congress not at fault here

(AP) — To the doctors who last week blamed Congress for America's obesity crisis: Nice try, but blaming Congress is a bit of a stretch (pardon the pun).

The American Medical Association and other physicians' groups have good reasons to be concerned about obesity. Unhealthy consumption of foods high in fat and cholesterol contributes to the country's obesity crisis, which is getting worse even among young children. The doctors want Congress to reduce subsidies for producing sugar, oil, meat, dairy, alcohol and feed crops for cattle and other animals.

Blaming Congress for obesity, however, is to misdirect responsibility. Those most responsible for obesity, first and foremost, are the individuals who make poor choices about their food and diet. Count families that favor convenience foods over nutritious meals in this group. Doctors, too, play an important role by giving patients sound advice about health and nutrition, diet and exercise.

The doctors do have a valid point in telling Congress that subsidies can help to drive down the cost of some foods, thereby presumably making them more accessible. The better prescription, though, begins with personal responsibility, not Congress.

Christians deserve tolerance as much as anyone

Colo. case reflects bigotry toward a group commonly associated with it



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Religion, as it relates to public life, is a highly controversial topic.

BY BROOKE NALAND
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

When the terms "freedom of speech" and "freedom of religion" are mentioned, many of us forget that the rule applies to everyone—including those groups of people traditionally thought to be

the main sources of the bigotry we are fighting against.

When Erica Corder, one of 15 valedictorians at Lewis-Palmer High School in 2006, gave her commencement speech, that became painfully clear.

You see, during this speech, Corder had made a statement encouraging the audience to get to know Jesus Christ, and consequently, her principal, Mark Brewer, said that she would not receive her diploma unless she made a public apology.

As of Aug. 31, she has filed a lawsuit against the school, stating that this action was in violation of her first amendment rights.

Generally, when the topic of religious bigotry is brought up, it seems that what comes up for many is intolerance on the side of conservative, fundamentalist Christians. However, this is a gross oversimplification.

It is my belief that all sides are guilty of this bigotry; liberals are just more able to hide this fact behind their commonly-accepted cultural image of

tolerance. This is not to say that I believe there is no intolerance from those on the more conservative or Christian side (as there is a distinction between the two that must be made), or that all liberals and non-Christians are intolerant, but I do believe that we are being just as bigoted in not allowing Christians such as Corder to freely express their religious views as they would be in not allowing others to express theirs.

The bottom line is this: If we are to expect tolerance, we are to give it, and schools such as Lewis-Palmer High School should not get up in arms when someone wants to openly advocate their religious views. After all, it's just her opinion, and people can choose to make of it what they wish.

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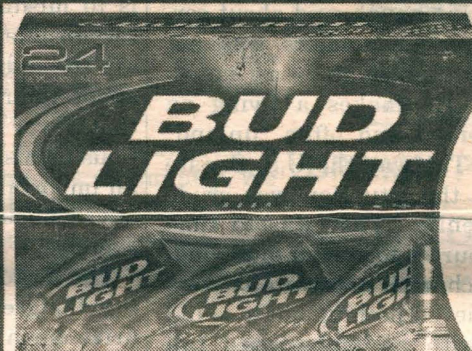
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Sex in the UniverCity

by Shana Secory

Awkward hallway run-ins and how to avoid them

You know that one person we all don't want to run into—the ex, the one night stand or the stalker. When we see them in the hall, we try not to be seen, or quickly think of a sudden move that hopefully won't be so obvious. People have dodged into bathrooms, pulled out cell phones and simply looked away.

At some point it gets ridiculous, so I ask you, "What tactics are socially acceptable to use for avoiding people? If none, what else are we supposed to do to abstain from that uncomfortable conversation or glance that we all dread?"

"It's that thing, where you pretend not to see each other, even though you both are right there. I have even pretended to look through my phone," junior Melany Mayers said.

The cell phone seems to be a

common socially awkward escape, but even more common is looking away and pretending like you are more interested in what the school walls are made out of.

"When you are unable to quickly pull out the cell phone, you have to awkwardly walk behind a big group of people to avoid contact and hope that they don't see you," said freshman Ravyn Gibbs.

It is really hard to run into an ex when you have not completely prepared yourself for exactly what you plan on saying, but what is even worse is when you run into a one night stand that you have never seen in daylight before.

"Once I had a one night stand with a guy that I never heard from again," said sophomore Nicki Danielzuk. "Now I have to run into him by Chem. 200 almost every day. We both look away like we don't know each other."

These acts of avoidance can be seen as juvenile or immature, yet the majority of us, who are young adults, still feel the need to look away from an awkward situation. So whether you are a cell phone checker, a crowd follower or a bathroom dodger, know that you are not the only person at UMD who has made an embarrassing attempt at avoiding someone.

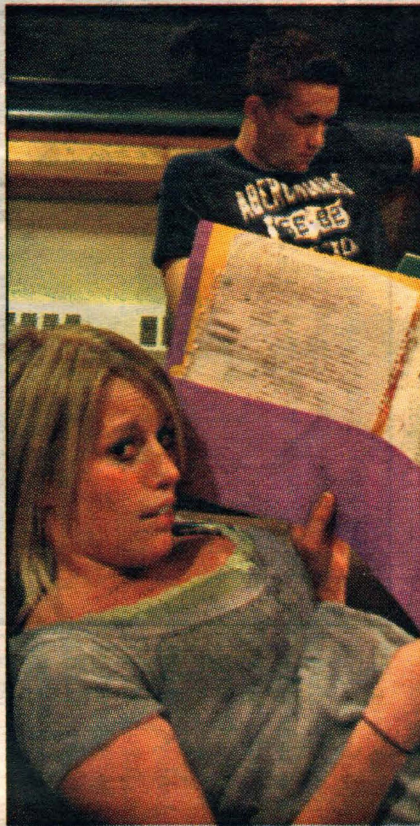


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Chelsie Waller acts like she is trying to avoid a run in with an ex, played by Bryan Lamb.

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College cooking for dummies

BY KENDRA RICHARDS

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Ramen. Easy Mac. Soup. Hamburger Helper. Singles. Hot Dogs. Spaghetti O's. These are things considered "college food," and probably very familiar to most of us, because being limited to a microwave means being limited in food selection.

Students in the dorms admitted that they stick to the basics listed above, and rely heavily on the Dining Center to provide their meals. However, there are more delicious dishes being prepared on campus than you might think, especially in the apartments where students are blessed with a kitchen.

Here are some meals that are easy to make if you have a kitchen, and some that can even be made in a microwave.

A simple, yet filling dish suggested by sophomore Rob Castilla is tuna casserole. It's just cream of mushroom soup, tuna and noodles all mixed together. A similar dish, beef stroganoff, was given by sophomore Cameron Victor. It consists of egg noodles, hamburger, mushrooms, sour cream and beef broth.

Victor also said that he and his roommates like to make goulash.

"It's just spaghetti—noodles and sauce—and then throw in whatever you want. We usually throw in corn, peppers, olives and things like that."

These dishes need to be prepared in a dish, covered with a lid or aluminum foil, and put in the oven at about 350-400 degrees.

If you like Mexican food, tacos and quesadillas are easy to make and can be prepared in the microwave.

"We just buy the tortillas and microwave some frozen meat," said sophomore Ashley Ganyo. "Then you just stick it in the microwave and add a little lettuce."

Ganyo said she also makes rice and steamed vegetables a lot.

"I just get the minute rice and microwave it," Ganyo said. "Then microwave some frozen veggies—for like two minutes each—then mix them together, and I have rice and vegetables."

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Ride board creates options for students

BY MIKE MCLEAN

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Do you need to get home this weekend? Are you short a car? Perhaps you just don't want to pay for the gas to get you where you need to go. The UMD Ride Board may be a good place to check out.

For years, the Ride Board has served as a center for UMD students to find drivers or riders traveling to a shared destination. Updates are made daily, offering new rides to various places for people seeking a travel companion. On any given day, there are roughly 15 or more advertisements for a needed rider or driver.

The board itself is located right above the entrance to the game room. It consists of two maps, one of the United States and one of Minnesota. The U.S. map is divided

into regions, each of which are designated a number. One example of this is Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana grouped together, making region one. The map of Minnesota is divided into letters. For instance, the Twin Cities metro area is "H." Below both of these maps is a hook system in which rides are hung up according to the letter or number of their destination. A person going to the Twin Cities would be on hook "H," while a person going to Montana would be on hook "1."

To sign up for a ride, students go to the Kirby Information Desk. Here, they write down some basic information (name, phone number, destination, date, time, etc.) on one of two cards. Yellow cards are for students looking for a driver. Students looking for a rider get a blue card. This makes it easy for someone looking at the board to distinguish before picking a card off the hook.

"It is a lot more popular than you would expect," said Arielle Ehrman, who works at the information desk. According to Ehrman, at least a half-dozen or more ride requests are filled out each day.

Zach Roelofs is one of many students who have used the Ride Board. He was looking for someone to ride with him to the Fargo/Moorhead area. This was Roelofs's first experience with the board.

"I would use [the board] again, it's a neat idea," Roelofs said.



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Junior Lynn Munter looks to the board for a ride home for the weekend.

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'Bare Bones '07 fall dance concert' opens tomorrow in MPAC

BY BECCA JAMES
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This Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., UMD students plan on delighting the community with their dancing skills in the Bare Bones 2007 Fall Dance Concert. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Dancing on the mainstage of Marshall Performing Arts Center, over 25 dancers will participate in ballet, jazz, modern, tap and hip-hop performances choreographed by 14 individuals, including UMD faculty members Rebecca Katz Harwood and Christie Zimmerman.

Named Bare Bones because of its artistic minimalism and different presentation style, Harwood explains the production's simplicity.

"Bare Bones is unlike regular season productions," she said. "This dance concert is done more simply. No fancy sets and costumes. The concert is really about highlighting student dancers and student choreography and keeping the focus on the dancing

itself."

Earning a chance to have their work highlighted, the choreographers submitted proposals in the first week of school to have their pieces included in this year's concert. Once the choreographers were selected, auditions were held to select dancers. The auditions were open to all UMD students, not just theater and dance students.

The mission statement of Bare Bones Dance Theater, as stated on their Web site, is to "provide students from diverse majors with the resources necessary to produce a dance concert of professional quality. The production is designed to be an educational experience, which allows choreographers, performers and administrators to learn how a collaborative dance concert is brought to fruition."

Bare Bones has been presented for a number of years by UMD Theatre as a way to promote dance as a theater art form on campus as well as for

the larger community. This year, 16 different dances will be performed.

"There is great variety in the show; we like to think we've got something for everyone whether or not they've seen a great deal of dance before," said Harwood.

Life-long dancer, Ashley Klatte agrees. Klatte became involved in Bare Bones after it was suggested as a good opportunity for UMD students pursuing a minor in dance. This year Klatte will be dancing as well as choreographing. She will be showcasing her piece "Evil Woman," which is a jazz dance.

"Just to get up there and be onstage to show what we've been working on for so long," she said.

Bare Bones will run an hour and 15 minutes with no intermission, and dances will be performed to everything from Thomas Newman to Timbaland.

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Larissa Gritti, Rachel Wenz, Tom Rusterholz and Brian Kess practicing "Grandma's Story," their dance for this fall's "Bare Bones," choreographed by Lindsay Mangan.

'American Gangster' steals the box office



The real American gangster Frank Lucas.

BY AMBER VESEL
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

Ridley Scott's latest directorial project, "American Gangster," is sitting at No. 1 in the box office and is still packing theaters two weeks after its release. Based on a true story set in the early '80s, the movie follows the drug dealer and gangster Frank Lucas (Denzel Washington), who is being investigated by Ritchie Roberts (Russell Crowe), a narcotics officer on a quest to stop organized crime in Harlem.

"American Gangster" differs from other crime movies in that it shows all the processes involved in the drug underworld including trafficking, production and the police's efforts to stop it.

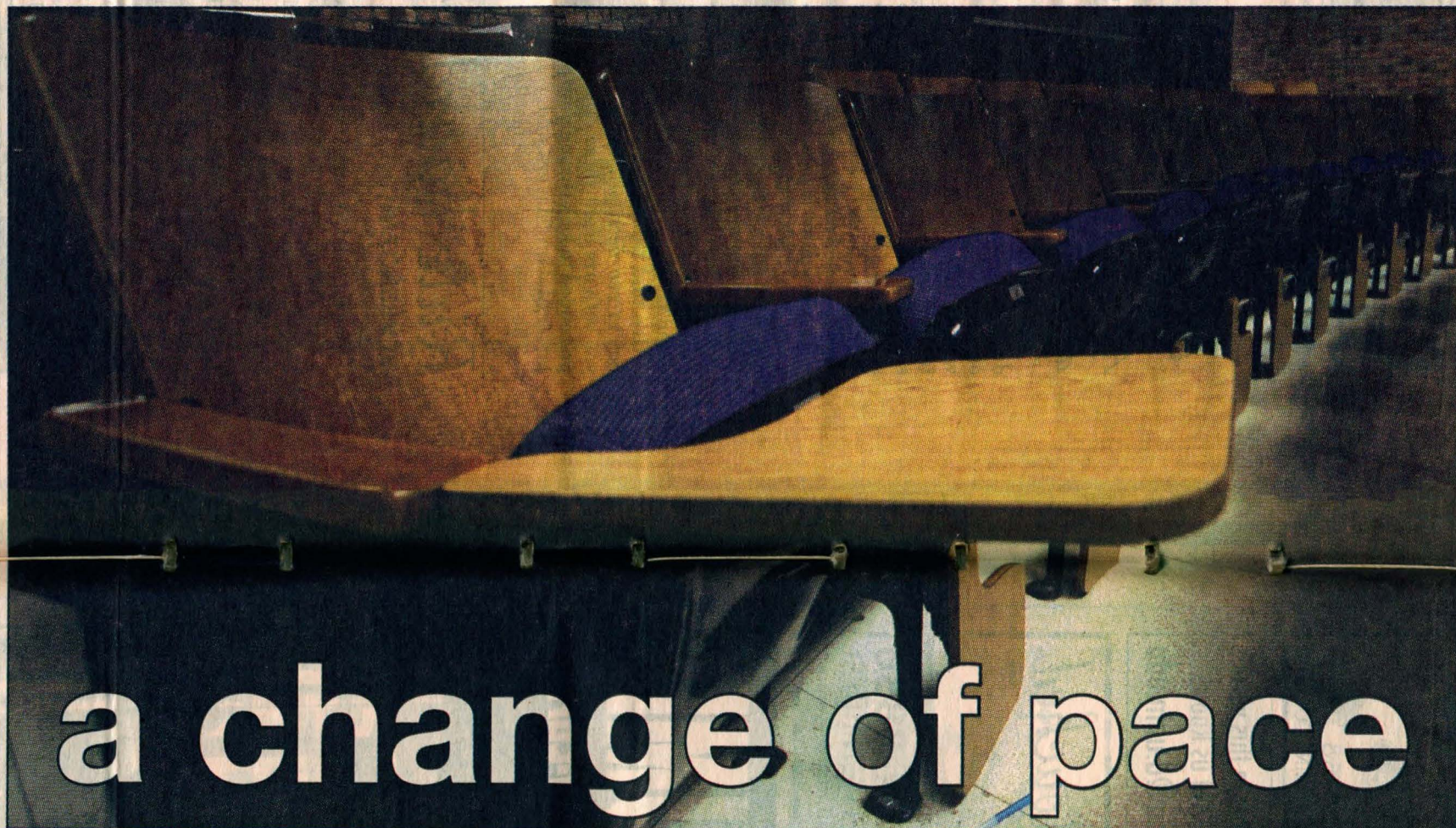
The biggest complaint "American Gangster," drawing from the critics, is that it's too in-depth, as the movie runs for two hours and 40 minutes. That's pretty long to sit in a movie theater, but it does a good job of keeping audiences entertained without too many drawn out scenes.

The real Frank Lucas, who is said to have made over \$1 million a day, is currently a free man and has been in the limelight with media attention caused by the release of "American Gangster." In an interview with MTV, the American gangster himself speaks of the movie.

"Did you expect for anything else but it to be No. 1? I'm in there. But I'll tell you the truth: I had no idea. I never thought about a movie," said Lucas.

The movie is currently playing in the Duluth 10 in Canal Park with movie times daily at 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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Fulfilling certain Lib. Ed. requirements gives students an opportunity to take interesting classes that are a welcomed break in their otherwise limited schedules.

BY RENAE CONRAD
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Everyone listens to music of some sort and chances are you've talked about that same music with a friend. You've been doing this in your spare time but you could be doing this in the class, earning credits for your knowledge of music.

"We listen to music, discuss the lives of musicians throughout the ages and connect history with the personalities that have shaped our musical thought," said Justin Rubin, who teaches "Introduction (intro.) to Music."

The "Intro. to Music" course has no expensive textbooks or CDs, and all material is from the UMD library online electronic resources. According to Rubin, there are only two tests and many opportunities for extra credit, no homework except studying notes, and listening to music online.

Taking "Intro. to Music" satisfies the Liberal Education category nine: Literary and Artistic

Expression, Analysis and Criticism.

Another required category in the Liberal Arts program is a Physical and Biological Science class, with or without lab.

If the thought of a Chemistry or Physics lab freaks you out, there's always Geology classes, like "Introduction to Environmental Science," which goes in depth about environmental issues that encompass our everyday lives.

For first-year students, there are freshman seminars available, which pose a much more individual and specified course outline.

Students who have already completed some Liberal Education requirements definitely can remember their favorites.

"Intercultural Communication" was my favorite class because you get to meet new people, really bond with the people in the class and get different perspectives on other cultures," said junior Chandana Halaharvi.

It seems to be the interaction that

communication classes offer that make them so attractive for students to take and enjoy.

"Interpersonal Communication" makes you participate in class and makes you want to learn it," said senior Shauna Kirkham.

Arguably one of the most sought after classes come registration time is "Introduction to Film."

"It's kind of laid back, you get to watch movies, no equations or math is involved, it's a break from your other classes and it's relaxing," said senior Chris Sandberg.

Other Liberal Education requirements mentioned more than once in a random poll of students in the coffee shop were: "Gender and Society," "Introduction to Cultural Studies," "Cultural Studies Freshman Seminars," "Human Geography" and "Bowling."

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Allie B's Hollywood HOTSPOT!

BY ALLIE BENTRUD
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Elisabeth Hasselbeck gave birth to a baby boy last Friday, according to Perez Hilton.com. This is the second child for co-host of "The View" and her Arizona Cardinals Quarter Back husband Tim. The couple named the baby Thomas Taylor, as Elisabeth announced live on "The View" last Monday morning.

In other baby news, Jennifer Lopez finally made it official, she is pregnant! It was pretty obvious, what with the large tent like clothes

and everything, but it was nice to get the announcement from J. Lo herself.

While we're on the topic of babies, TMZ.com reported a sighting of Christina Aguilera on a shopping spree of all baby things blue, according to Perez Hilton.com.

The New York Post's famous page six reported a sighting of singer Mandy Moore out on a date with former "Friends" star Matthew Perry. The pair held hands over dinner at Amici Trattoria in Beverly Hills.

London's Associated Press is reporting

that Prince Harry of Wales and his girlfriend of three years, Chelsy Davy, have broken up. According to Perez Hilton.com, Davy broke up with the Prince due to lack of commitment, including attending a Rugby World Cup final instead of being with her on her birthday in October.

In some sad news, Donda West, mother of rapper Kanye West, died last Saturday in Los Angeles at the age of 58. A representative for the family stated the cause of death was related to a "cosmetic procedure," according

to CNN.com, but no further details were available. West was always a huge supporter of her son and

last May released a book titled "Raising Kanye: Life Lessons from the Mother of a Hip-Hop Superstar."

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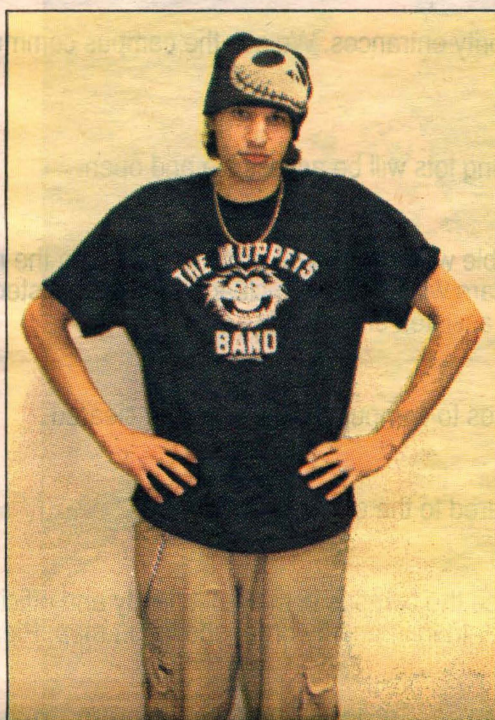
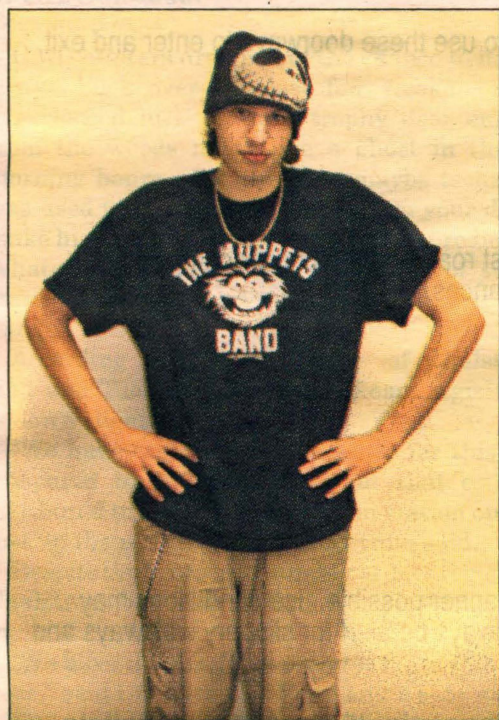
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Before & After

BY ERIC SIMON
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

I'm skinny. Not like sickly skinny, but thin. I have a secret, though: Under my oversized t-shirts and baggy pants, I have a belly. It's not a beer belly, because I don't drink beer, or any other alcohol for that matter. Never have, never will. Weird huh?

Anyway, I decided to go on a diet, maybe lose a little weight and get myself one of those six-pack stomachs that all the ladies love. Well, all the ladies besides my wife who enjoys a little pudgy Hey! This story is about me, okay? Focus, people!

So I've cut a lot of foods out of my eating patterns and have been eating things like carrots and broccoli. This has led to a lot of people noticing me not eating certain things and asking what's up. Here's a typical conversation.

"I'm on a diet," say I.

"What?" says other person.

"A diet," I say.

"But you're skinny."

"Yeah?"

"So why are you on a diet?"

"General health purposes." This goes on for awhile. Other responses I've gotten from people include:

"You're on a diet? What, for medical purposes or something?"

And:

"Well, looks like it's working."

Thing is, I'll be taking a trip to Hawaii soon and want to make sure I don't look ridiculous in a bathing suit. Yes, I'm a bit self-conscious about my body image. Don't make fun of me, you'll only make it worse.

So, I've been working out six days a week, eating loads of turkey and missing Pepsi. (And by the way, screw UMD and their contract with Coke. This ain't a democracy, it's a Coke-tatorship. The people want Mountain Dew! Power to the people!)

Wow ... sorry about that. Lack of caffeine makes me cranky.

The worst thing about going on a diet is that people

start coming out of the woodwork to give you things you can't eat. Not to mention the bowl full of mini-Snickers on my coffee table that mocks me with every sit-up.

"We're so small, just eating twenty of us wouldn't be breaking your diet," they say.

Little fucking liars. You're packed with high fructose corn syrup which will 100 percent shut down my metabolism Bastards.

I'm also drinking smoothies with whey powder packed with protein to help my body build muscle. Hopefully, after a few weeks, I won't be the lanky guy strolling down the halls, but instead I'll be the lanky guy with a tight washboard stomach under his baggy clothes walking down the halls. You won't notice a difference, but this isn't about you, it's about me. Why does everything have to be about you? I'm leaving.

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TOPTEN

Things To Do Now That It Gets Dark Early

BY ERIC SIMON
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER AND LAWN GNOME

10. Ding-dong ditch (Who says college kids are bad neighbors?)
9. Flashlight tag!
8. Set the clock in your car two hours ahead, then convince your date to head back early. (wink wink)
7. Dress in black, hide behind a bush and jump out to scare people who are out walking their dogs.
6. Bust out that glow in the dark Frisbee.
5. Finish that book you've been writing. You know, the one you've been working on for the past five years. Got some interesting characters? Couple plot twists?
4. Learn some new constellations (if you can see through the Duluth fog).
3. Re-enact the opening scene from "Jaws" in Lake Superior.
2. Scary stories by a campfire (Note: fires are not allowed in the dorms.)
1. Try to take out an owl with a bocce ball

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LETTERS TO PEOPLE

BY TRISTAN TANDBERG
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Dear Joe Pesci,

A lot of us Statesman humor writers saw that you posted on the Statesman's blog saying that you thought the humor section was, "funny." Here at the Statesman we are always appreciative of feedback from our audience. But, we were just wondering. What do you mean, funny?

We want to understand this cause, maybe it's just us, we are a little screwed up. But, we are funny how? I mean, are we funny like a clown? Do we make you laugh? Are we here to amuse you? Or are we funny like "you had to have been there" kind of funny?

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NY YOU THINK WE ARE!! IF YOU THINK WE ARE JUST GOING TO STAND HERE AND ... oh wait. Sorry. I guess it was Joe Piscopo who wrote on the Statemen blog saying that he thought we were "funny," and not you Joe Pesci. Sorry about the mix up. We would write a letter to Joe Piscopo clarifying what kind of funny he thinks we are, but he is pretty low on the celebrity pecking order.

Sincerely,
Tristan Tandberg

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Facilities Management Snow and Ice Control Goals

UMD Facilities Management is committed to providing safe access to and exit from the campus without causing unnecessary harm to the environment. To this end, we will strive to reduce the effects of snow and ice as quickly and effectively as our resources and the unpredictability of Minnesota winters will allow. We know that we cannot clear snow and ice from every entrance and walkway by 7:00 A.M. following a storm, so we have identified priority entrances to receive our earliest service.

Please review and retain the attached map to locate the priority entrances. We ask the campus community to use these doorways to enter and exit, for maximum safety during and after a storm.

GOAL ONE:

By 7:00 A.M. on the day following a snow/ice event; all parking lots will be accessible and open.

GOAL TWO:

By 7:00 A.M. on the day following a snow/ice event; A passable walkway will be provided between the nearest road and the priority campus entrances which serve the Academic buildings. Additional care will be given to clearing power assisted entrances. (See circles and triangles on map. Triangles identify power assisted entrances.)

GOAL THREE:

Within 48 hours of a storm's termination, secondary entrances to campus buildings will be cleared.

GOAL FOUR:

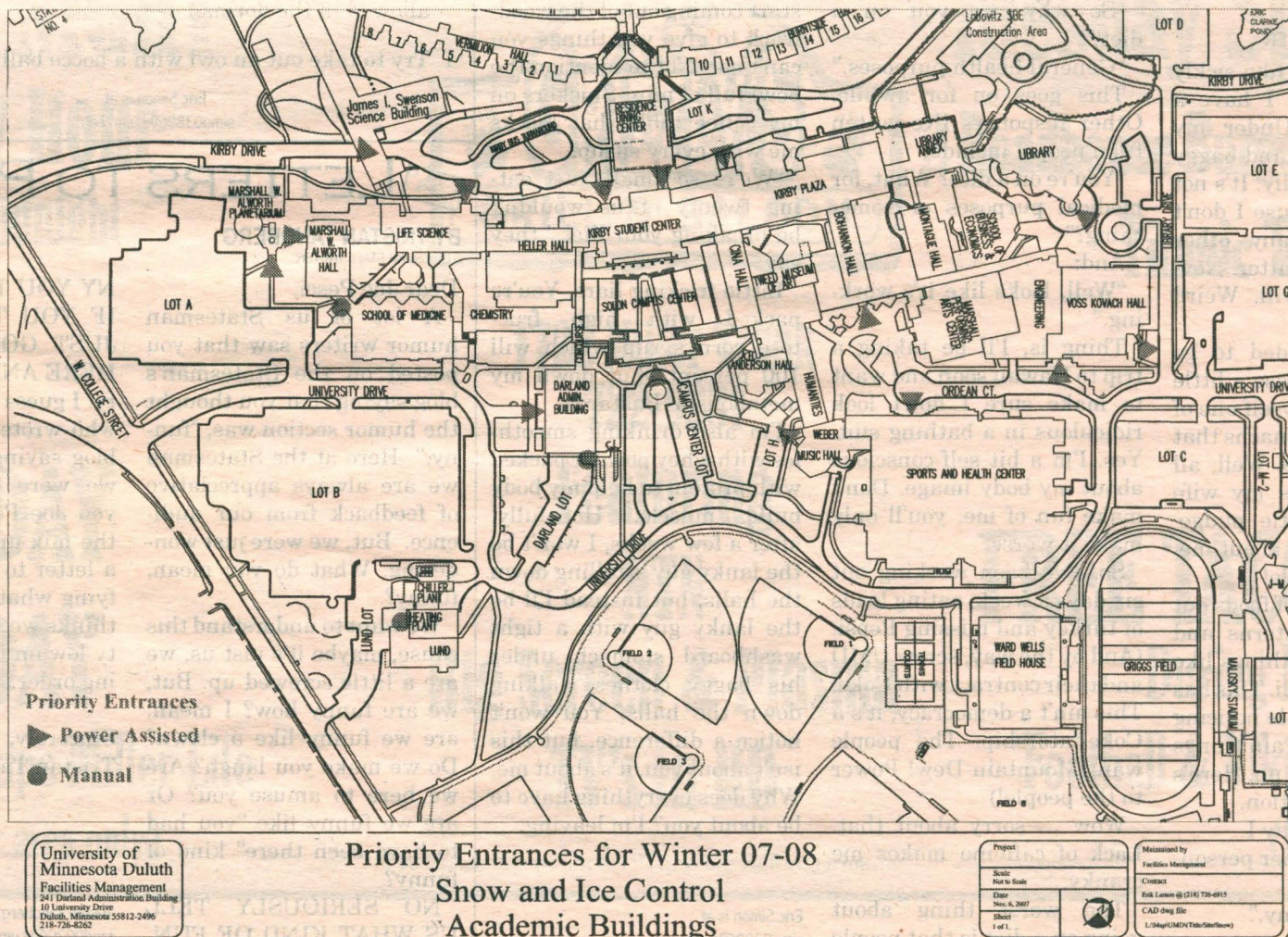
Within 72 hours of a storm's termination, all exits will be cleared to the closest public way.

ICE STORMS:

In the event of an ice storm, Facilities Management will de-ice the campus in the most timely and efficient manner possible. Ice conditions may make it necessary to de-ice entrances in a circuit route rather than in priority order shown on map. Please always be alert for slippery walkways and use proper footwear.

NOTE: The severity, duration and timing of the storm will impact our ability to meet these goals. Problems areas should be reported promptly to Facilities Management at 726-8262. Parking lot concerns should be reported directly to Parking Services at 726-7000.

If you have questions about these Goals, please call Candice Richards at 726-8262



Deer season starts with a bang for many

BY BILL LANDMARK

STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

UMD hunters dreamed of the chance to harvest a nice buck over the last few weeks. A few experienced luck as their trophy deer emerged from the woods much like a ghost in the wee morning hours. For the rest, maybe technology was used to photograph and pattern your deer to make his every move just a little more predictable. Whatever the case, there are plenty of success stories to be told and memories that will never fade.

According to Sue Chalstrom, of Chalstrom's Bait and Tackle on Rice Lake Road, registration is down slightly this year.

"We have registered 752 deer so far this year, compared to 800 last year, but that could be attributed to another registration station opening just up the road from us," Chalstrom said.

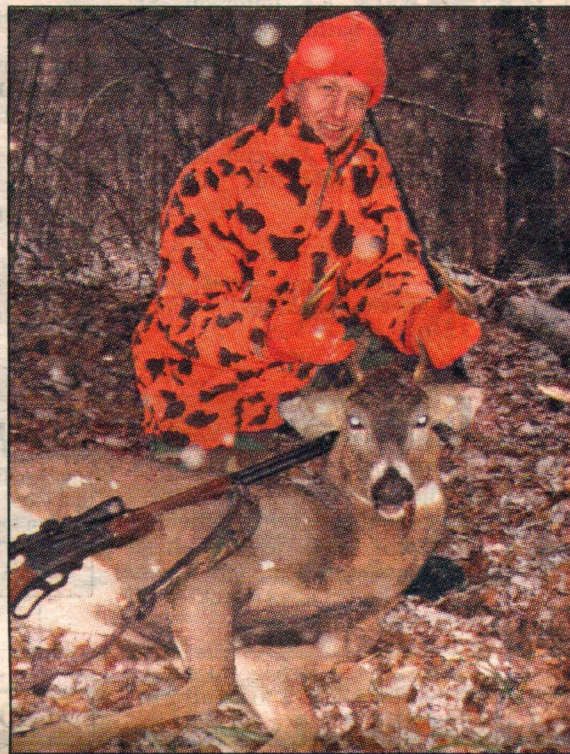
Despite the decreased number of deer registered, Chalstrom has seen quite a few big bucks come in.

"We have taken a lot of pictures for our wall this year," said Chalstrom. "We've had a good amount of 200 pound bucks registered this year, including a few over 240 pounds."

Hunting season started out on the slow side for junior Kyle Bounds, who hunts near Big Falls, Minn.

"Season hasn't been great," said Bounds. "There's a few deer and lots of timberwolves."

Bounds, like many others, had no complaints



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Senior Nick Moe with the buck he shot north of Grand Rapids.

about the weather. "The weather was nice to be out sitting in the woods," said Bounds. He hoped to turn his luck around last weekend as he headed back up north to his hunting shack.

For some, their hunting success has carried

over from archery season into firearms season.

"I shot a nice buck early in archery season," said sophomore Tyler Friesen. "Then I harvested two does on rifle opener, which was enough to fill the freezer."

Friesen has a unique story on how he was able to get his eight point buck.

"My buddy Joe had to leave early so I decided to hunt out of his stand," said Friesen. "I was half-asleep when I woke up to see a doe out in front of me about 30 yards. I pull[ed] my bow back and she [left], but wasn't scared. Then I saw antlers in the woods about 35 yards out and [the buck] stops behind a tree so I draw on him and wait. Then I heard something to my left, a doe appears and is looking at me. So I waited and waited. Then all I saw was antlers coming from the brush to my right, it was a different buck. So, I quickly finished my draw and made the shot on that buck. It ran 50 yards before it dropped."

Junior Travis Powers has noticed some positive changes in deer behavior over the last two weeks.

"I wouldn't say they are in full rut yet, not up here anyhow, but it's definitely close," he said. "I haven't seen any fawns with the does recently, so I think they are starting to kick them away."

Powers is referring to doe's ditching their fawns so they can breed.

With the rut in full gear, it should be an interesting season for UMD hunters.

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Surfing on Lake Superior gaining popularity

BY MCKAYLA BOELTER

STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

Surfing in the Lake Superior area has grown in the past few years. There were once only a few hardy people weathering the northeast winds, but now surfers come from all over Minnesota.

The Surf and Kite club at UMD is home to around 25 students who share a love of the water and a wish to catch that one in a million wave.

Zak Winkler was introduced to surfing by his brother-in-law. Winkler simply fell in love with it.

"I knew I would stick with it," said Winkler. "It's such a rush being out on the water."

Randy Carlson, coordinator of the kayak, canoe and kiting programs at UMD, has been helping students learn how to surf for the past few years. This year, the surf program has become very popular.

"Space is limited. Some

membership availability will start up in April, about April 9," said Carlson.

Before the members can catch any waves on Lake Superior, they are encouraged to attend some pool sessions. At the pool sessions, members learn the different techniques and hone their skills for surfing.

"It's not just physical skills, it's knowledge-based," said senior Laddie Strzok. "At pool sessions, people learn techniques to handle wave conditions; how to stand up and catch a wave, paddling, duck/diving, turtling (rolling over with board and allowing wave to go over the top of the person), trimming (balancing the board) and popping up."

Throughout these pool lessons are trips to surrounding areas, such as Island Lake, Lester River and Park Point. Here, members can get in some real wave action by surfing

pulled behind a boat, perfecting their paddle boarding skills and occasionally catching a live wave.

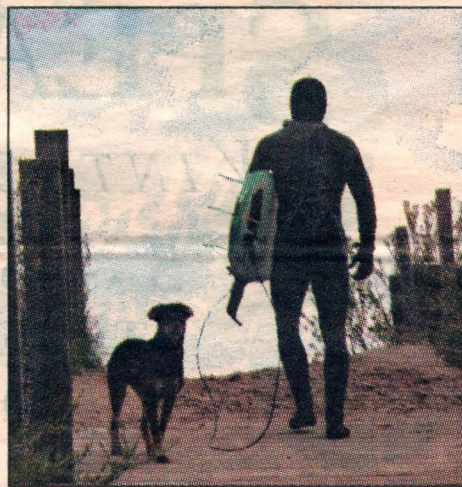
This year, the surfing group will also be going on a trip to Baja, Mexico during spring break.

"Last year at Island Lake it started to storm," said senior Ellen Burns. "I was out in the middle of the lake. I looked up and there was lightning. It [surfing] is bad ass."

Surfing season on Lake Superior lasts throughout much of the year. During the summer, surfers can go out and catch some waves, but the majority of the surfing is done from fall to spring.

"Surfing season, as far as waves being good up here, is September through May. During the winter, conditions for generating waves are more common," said Strzok.

For many in the UMD surf club, this year marks their first year. The UMD surf club offers valuable



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Junior Keith Egan is joined by his dog, Killo, as he carries his surfboard in hopes of catching a wave.

experience and the chance to meet other surfers for students like senior Danielle Nagler.

"I'm looking forward to surfing and definitely coming back next year," said Nagler.

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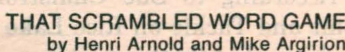
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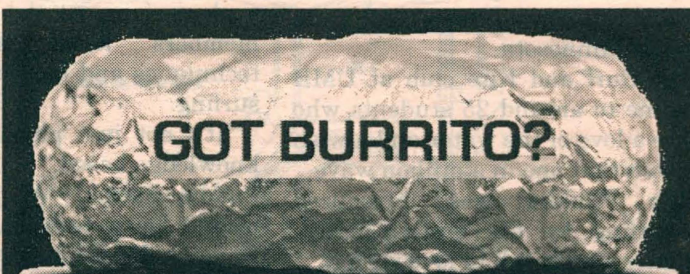
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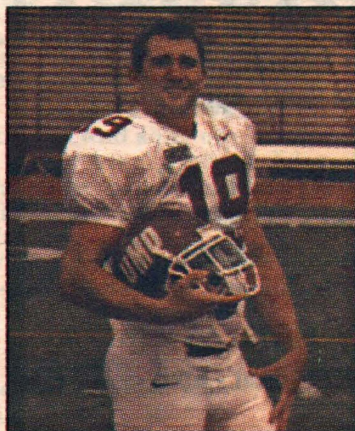
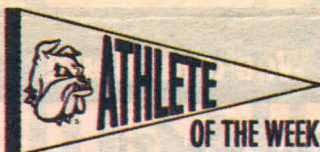


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BY ROBERT DOWNS
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Number: 19
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Major: Communication

Of all the positions in football, there is one person that never truly gets their talents recognized: the punter.

A punter is not just good at cleaning up for the team

when they don't get first downs or make mistakes. A good punter keeps the ball in the opposing team's territory, and ensures that their team wins the battle of field position.

Football is said to be a game of inches, in which the slightest and seemingly insignificant yards could mean a win or a loss.

Luke Radke's punts of 40 yards (1,440 inches), can make or break the way the opposing team's drive turn out, and can influence the overall outcome of the game. He has been winning the field position battle for UMD for the last four years, and he's got the records to prove it.

This year Radke, a senior from Oconomowoc, Wis., broke the previous UMD school records for punts (206) and yards punted (7,582), which showed the fans and the players that the punter is a valuable and vital part of the Bulldog Football squad.

Radke ended the season with 215 punts and 7,815 yards for his career.

Radke considers holding the records an honor.

"It's pretty humbling, looking back at 75 years of football," Radke said. "There's been a lot of great people, and to be in their graces is exciting. It's a lot of hard work that's paying off."

Radke had a few reasons for making the decision to come to UMD for college.

"[UMD] is a beautiful campus. I have family around here, and it's a five and a half hour drive from my hometown," Radke said. "It's close enough that I can go home on the weekends if I have to."

Radke said that spending time with the team is the best part of UMD football.

"Road trips are fun," he said. "It's the ultimate bond between everybody. Eating food with 70 guys dressed up in suits, it's a lot of fun."

It's obvious that Radke has the skills to play his position, and for the team's sake, hopefully a new punter will be able to duplicate his talents next year.

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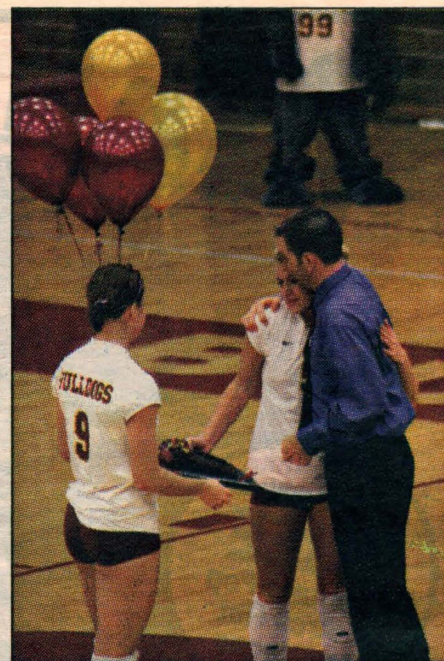
One big achievement by Braegelmann this year was on Nov. 2 against Augustana when she surpassed former Bulldog Callie Zwettler for the career kills record.

"The seniors are a fundamental part of our team, they are great," said Wyffles.

This win helped the team to clinch its fourth consecutive conference championship and guaranteed home court advantage throughout the regional tournament.

UMD will host the Head coach Jim Boos congratulates senior Danielle Beckstrand honoring her during senior night. al starting on Thursday, Nov. 15 and ending on Saturday, Nov. 17 as part of the NCAA Division II volleyball tournament.

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have great team chemistry."

Bulldog men's basketball has a long history of winning, with an all-time record of 1,079-722, according to the UMD Web site.

"This program has stood the test of time," said Holquist.

The Bulldogs' first game takes place on Nov. 16 against Truman State University in Mankato.

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Football ends on high note, men's hockey gets swept

BY ALI DRAVES
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

FOOTBALL

The Bulldogs finished their season with a big win against the St. Cloud State Huskies last Saturday in St. Cloud, Minn.

"It was great to win our last game of the season," said head coach Kyle "Bubba" Schweigert. "We were focused and prepared hard to send our 11 seniors out with a win. It also gives us some momentum heading into our winter training season."

UMD's 23-13 victory over St. Cloud State helped close out their season with a 4-6 overall record and a 3-5 record in the North Central Conference (NCC).

"We had high expectations entering the 2007 season and were disappointed with our record," Schweigert said. "However, I was pleased with our team's effort preparing for games and their physical effort competing each and every time out on the field."

Despite the high expectations for the season, UMD finished strong.

The Bulldogs attacked the Huskies in the first quarter when junior quarterback Ted Schlafke scored after a nine-yard touchdown run. Senior kicker Britt Baumann missed the extra point

attempt, leaving the score at 6-0, according to the UMD Web site.

Baumann tried again with 6:23 left in the second quarter and successfully completed a 21-yard field goal, which boosted UMD to a 9-0 lead at halftime, according to the Web site.

St. Cloud came charging back into the third quarter after junior quarterback Jon Quesnel connected with junior running back Michael Graham for a 13-yard touchdown pass, putting the Huskies on the scoreboard, 9-6. The extra point was unsuccessful for St. Cloud.

Baumann completed another 20-yard field goal to ensure the Bulldogs' lead at 12-6.

Sophomore defensive back Cole Strilzuk solidified UMD's victory over St. Cloud after he received his first collegiate interception off of Quesnel and ran back 84 yards for a touchdown, according to the Web site.

Quesnel connected with freshman wide receiver Fred Williams on a 37-yard touchdown pass but failed to match the Bulldogs' offense strike.

Baumann pulled out another field goal, this time at 33 yards, to make the final score 23-13.

Schlafke finished the year as UMD's leading rusher with 37 of 57 for 350-yards, according to the Web site.

The Bulldogs ended their 2007-2008 season in victory, but the team is already focused on next year.

Schweigert expects to win a conference championship and be selected for the Division II National Playoffs next season.

"Our plan is to improve the team in areas that held us back this season," he said. "We will always strive to get bigger and faster by committing to the year-round strength and conditioning program."

MEN'S HOCKEY

The Bulldogs were swept by the Colorado College Tigers last weekend in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Friday night's game ended in a disappointing 5-3 loss, despite the numerous attempts made by the Bulldogs.

Colorado struck first with

a goal in the first period by sophomore center Andreas Vlassopoulos at 14:07. UMD fired right back with a short-handed goal by senior Matt McKnight, assisted by junior Nick Kemp at 17:28, according to the UMD Web site. The score was tied after the first period, 1-1.

The Tigers scored on a power play in the beginning of the second period with a goal from freshmen Stephen Schultz. Colorado was on fire, scoring again shortly after a goal from senior Derek Patrosso, giving the Tigers a 3-1 lead.

Sophomore Jordan Fulton put UMD back in the game after an unassisted goal, the score 2-3.

Despite the surge for a comeback, Colorado's Chad Rau scored immediately after Fulton at 10:19. The Bulldogs never regained their balance as Colorado scored yet again the third period, with a short-handed goal from sophomore Brian McMillin, to solidify the Tigers' victory, 5-3.

Saturday's game was the same old song, with UMD losing 0-3. Although the Bulldogs showed valiant effort, Colorado's goalie, freshman Richard Bachman had an impressive 34 saves for the shutout victory.

Colorado scored early in the first period with a goal from senior Jimmy Kilpatrick. Both teams had many scoring chances in the second period but both came up empty-handed.

The Tigers pulled through in the third period, with a goal from Vlassopoulos at 3:19. Colorado took the victory after senior Scott Thauwald scored the last goal of the game.

Junior goaltender Alex Stalock had a weekend total of 48 saves for UMD, according to the Web site.

The Bulldogs host Michigan Tech at the DECC this Friday at 7:37 p.m.

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Volleyball finishes season ranked No. 1

BY KJESTINE STEINBRING
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

The UMD volleyball team's perfect season in the North Central Conference (NCC) was capped off with a three game sweep of the University of South Dakota (USD) Saturday afternoon, making the Bulldogs' record 12-0 in the conference. They also went undefeated at home this season, always giving Duluth fans something to cheer about.

"We are very comfortable playing at home, and having the fans on your side is also a bonus," said senior Vicky Braegelmann.

The No. 1 ranked Bulldogs had a close game on their hands against the Coyotes, with South Dakota keeping the score close in the first right until the end. With a great ace serve by junior Katie Gangelhoff and a kill by junior Lindsay Clairmont, UMD was able to right the ship and win the first game with a score of 30-19.

"Our offense has been our biggest strength all year and it continued against USD," said Braegelmann.

In the second game, the Bulldogs came out a little slow and quickly fell behind

at 5-0. Braegelmann tried to push UMD through with a perfectly placed kill, but the Bulldogs just couldn't catch a break.

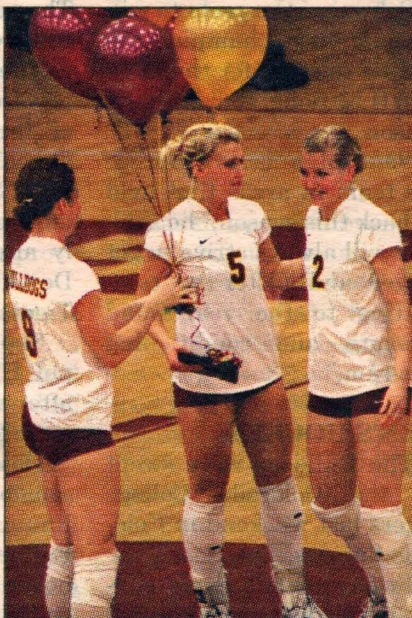
A crucial ace serve by senior Kari Wolford made the score 29-24 in favor of the Bulldogs and gave the team enough momentum to set up a game-ending kill by senior Danielle Beckstrand. UMD would go on to win the second game 30-25.

"We carried momentum well," said sophomore Sarah Wyffles.

UMD was on the right track from the beginning of game three, pulling ahead 7-2 right away and forcing South Dakota to call a time out to stop the Bulldogs momentum.

Errors plagued both teams throughout this game, but with a momentum shifting block/kill by Clairmont and Braegelmann, UMD gained full control.

Wyffles put the game away with a kill to make



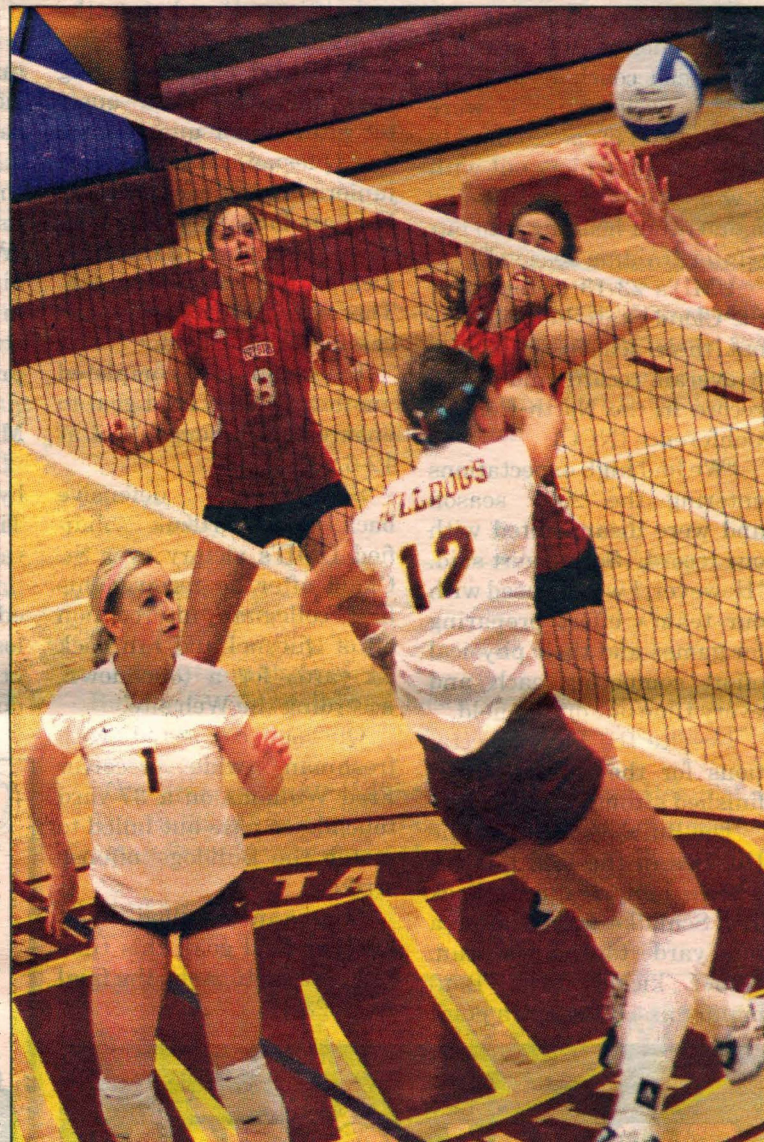
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Sarah Wyffles, 9, Danielle Beckstrand, 5, and Rachel Lamers, 2, commemorate a great season during senior night at Romano Gym. the final score of the third game 30-24.

"Saturday the offense did well, but this weekend we need to defend better and control our side of the net," said Braegelmann.

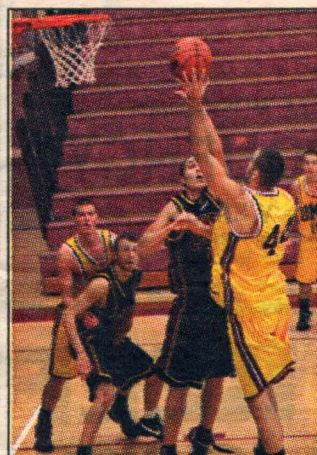
Saturday afternoon was also Senior Recognition Day, giving strong Duluth players like Crystal Hof-frogge, Beckstrand, Wolford and Braegelmann a chance to celebrate their careers and achievements.

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Vicky Braegelmann, 12, smashes a spike over the net as Katie Gangelhoff, 1, looks on during UMD's win over the University of South Dakota to end the regular season.



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Bryan Sykora, 44, puts up a shot.

Men's basketball prepares to tip-off regular season

BY ERIK ELSBERRY
STATESMAN STAFF WRITER

UMD men's basketball season kicked off last Saturday with an inter-squad scrimmage at Romano Gymnasium.

There will be many new faces on the hardwood this year, as four seniors from last year's team, Ryan Breidenbach, Bryan Foss, Matt Hockett and Matt Rawley,

are not returning.

Head coach Gary Holquist looks forward to this season.

"I think this team has a chance to be very good," he said.

Holquist considers senior guard Jordan Nuness and senior guard/forward Ryan Meissner as key players for the team's success. He describes Nuness as an explosive scorer and Meiss-

ner as one of the best defensive stoppers in the North Central Conference (NCC).

"The NCC is as competitive as any conference in the country," Holquist said. "On any given night, anyone can beat anyone."

The mix of young and talented players should produce a very interesting season, but there are still many questions that need to be answered

throughout the 2007-2008 campaign.

"They're a team that is trying to discover their personality," said Holquist. "All we're trying to do is get these guys to compete and play hard."

Nuness shares the overall feeling of optimism with Holquist.

"We're looking pretty good," said Nuness. "We

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